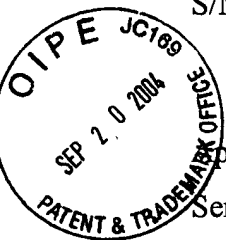


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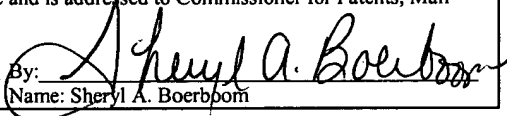
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 2-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 20, 2004, said period of response being extended from July 20, 2004 to September 20, 2004.

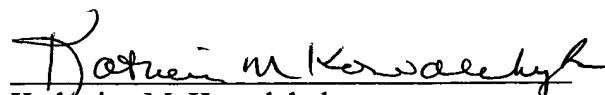
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